LESSON 1 EXERCISE 1 PART 1 FILL IN THE BLANK

EXERCISE I—Words in Context

From the list below, supply the words needed to complete the paragraph. Some words will not be used.

divulge **abet** **temerity** **insipid** **gregarious** **coerce** **jaundiced**

A. Jasmine had thought that her irresponsible days of _____ were far behind her until Kayla showed up at her door. After only three days of freedom from the county correctional facility, Kayla had begun her old scheming again. She went to the house to _____ Jasmine into helping her move a truckload of stolen goods to another state—an easy job, she claimed, and virtually no risk. It would even be fun, she claimed.

"Let me get this straight. You've been out of jail for three days, and you already want me to _____ you in a crime? Are you crazy?"

Jasmine was still _____ toward her sister because Kayla, prior to her first sentence, "borrowed" Jasmine's car for a robbery and nearly got Jasmine arrested as a result.

"Sorry, Kayla, but I'm quite happy with my _____, uneventful life. Please leave, and don't come back."

LESSON 1 EXERCISE 1 PART 2 FILL IN THE BLANK

From the list below, supply the words needed to complete the paragraph. Some words will not be used.

dogmatic abet gregarious divulge extraneous coerce meticulous

B. Mr. Knight learned the _____ art of watchmaking during a three-year stay in Switzerland more than forty years ago. Since that time, he has spent countless evenings in his basement workshop assembling the tiny, complex machines. As a[n] _____ grandfather, Mr. Knight often invites his grandchildren to his shop, where they watch with amazement through a large magnifying glass and see a newly assembled pocket watch tick for the first time.

"Watches are such perfect machines; there's no room for _____ parts or over-engineering. And then, to see such a tiny machine operate under its own power—it amazes me every time."

When asked about his thoughts on the mass production techniques of modern watches, Knight revealed his _____ belief that Old World skills made watches much more valuable.

"Oh, yes, the new watches are inexpensive and readily available, which fills the practical need, but they lack the sentiment and the many hours of craftsmanship that should go into a fine piece of jewelry."

"These watches," he says as he points to a sparkling display cabinet, "have character."

Mr. Knight hopes someday to _____ the many secrets of his trade to his youngest grandson, who can then carry on the family tradition for years to come.

LESSON 1 EXERCISE 3 ROOTS, PREFIXES, SUFFIXES

EXERCISE III—Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

Study the entries and answer the questions below.

The prefix *mal* means "bad" or "evil."
The root *bene* means "good."
The root *dict* means "to speak."
The root *vol* means "to wish."
The root *fact* means "making, doing"; *factor* means "one who does."

A. Using literal translations as guidance, define the following words without using a dictionary.

1. malevolent
2. malediction
3. malefactor
4. benevolent
5. benediction
6. benefactor

B. After a biopsy, tumors are generally labeled _____ or _____.

C. List as many other related words as you can that begin with either *mal* or *bene*.

EXERCISE IV—Inference

Complete the sentences by inferring information about the italicized word from its context.

A. If students complain about a teacher's *insipid* lectures, the teacher should…

B. Since dad had a handful of *extraneous* parts after assembling Kyle's bicycle, Kyle might…

C. Martin's refusal to *divulge* the location of the military base probably means that the base is…

LESSON 1 IMPROVE THE SENTENCE

Improving Sentences

The underlined portion of each sentence below contains some flaw. Select the answer that best corrects the flaw.

6. Lori said to her mother that she needed to buy some new clothes.
   A. Lori said to her mother that Lori needed
   B. Lori said to her mother that her mother needed
   C. Lori's mom wanted to buy herself some new clothes
   D. Lori said that her mother needed to buy
   E. Lori said to her mother that, "She needs to buy some new clothes."

7. Softened by the boiling water, Ramona mashed the potatoes.
   A. Ramona, softened by the boiling water, mashed the potatoes.
   B. Ramona mashed the potatoes that were softened by the boiling water.
   C. Ramona mashed the softened potatoes by the boiling water.
   D. The potatoes softened by the boiling water Ramona mashed.
   E. The potatoes softened by the boiling water mashed Ramona.

8. The founders of the United States selected the colors of the flag for their symbolism: white for the purity of the new nation's aspirations, red to stand for the blood shed gaining and keeping freedom, and blue for loyalty.
   A. red, which stands for the blood,
   B. red that stands for the blood
   C. red for the blood
   D. red, the color of blood
   E. red like the blood

9. After several attempts to call, Doug still couldn't get through the line was always busy.
   A. get through, the line was
   B. get through – the line was
   C. get through although the line was
   D. get through, and the line was
   E. get through because the line was

10. Because she was on a diet, Naomi only ate three light meals a day.
   A. only Naomi ate three light meals
   B. Naomi ate only three light meals
   C. Naomi ate three light meals a day only
   D. Naomi easily ate three light meals
   E. only three light meals a day were eaten by Naomi

LESSON 1 IDENTIFY SENTENCE ERRORS

Identifying Sentence Errors

Identify the errors in the following sentences. If the sentence contains no error, select answer E.

1. If the alarm had gone off (A) earlier, more people (B) could of escaped (C) before the building collapsed. (D) No error. (E)

2. The principals of good sportsmanship (A) demand that we cheer (B) the achievements (C) of both teams. (D) No error. (E)

3. Neither Kelley nor Larry (A) are planning (B) to attend the conference (C) in November. (D) No error. (E)

4. The boat (A) sailed (B) under the bridge (C) and was rocking from the waves. (D) No error. (E)

5. There were (A) less people (B) on that cruise (C) than usual because of the weather. (D) No error. (E)